

METHODIST CHURCH.

Its Progress During the First Century of its Existence in the United States.

Eighthieth Session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference—Meeting at Harrisburg This Morning—The First Day's Proceedings, Etc. Etc.

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Table with 4 columns: Year, No. of Preachers, No. of Members, No. of Churches. Rows include 1778, 1780, 1782, 1784, 1786, 1788, 1790, 1792, 1794, 1796, 1798, 1800, 1802, 1804, 1806, 1808, 1810, 1812, 1814, 1816.

In addition to the regular Methodist Episcopal Church, there are eight other branches of Methodists represented in the country. Their comparative numbers were as follows in the year 1865—

Table with 3 columns: Branches, Preachers, Members. Rows include M. E. Church, Protestant M. Church, African M. Church, Evangelical Ass'n, Wesleyan Methodists, M. E. C. Church (Zion), Free Methodist, Primitive M. Church.

The number of Methodists in the United States, as compared with the other Protestant denominations, is as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Denominations, Members. Rows include Methodist, Regular Baptists, Congregationalists, Episcopalians, Universalists, Other Denominations.

The different denominations circulated tracts and other religious literature of the following value:—

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The following amounts were expended in the distribution of the Bible:—

Table with 2 columns: Denominations, Amount. Rows include M. E. Church, Episcopal Church, Reformed Dutch Church, Baptist Church (O. S.), Baptist Church (F. S.), Other Churches.

The Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and Reformed Dutch co-operate with the American Bible Society.

The annual mission work of the different denominations was as follows:—

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The periodical publications of the various denominations were as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: Denominations, Weeklies, Monthlys, etc., Total. Rows include M. E. Church, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian (all branches), Reformed Dutch Church, Methodist, Presby'n, O. S., Presby'n, N. S., Universalists, Congregationalists, Baptist, Unitarian.

The institutions of learning under the control of the various denominations were as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: Denominations, Colleges, Seminaries, Academies. Rows include M. E. Church, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian (all branches), Reformed Dutch Church, Methodist, Presby'n, O. S., Presby'n, N. S., Universalists, Congregationalists, Baptist, Unitarian.

The contributions of the different denominations for religious and benevolent purposes were as follows:—

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The year 1866 being the centenary of American Methodism, a special effort was made to raise \$5,000,000, in addition to the ordinary contributions, for church purposes.

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A special Committee was appointed on the State of the Church, with Rev. J. H. Alday as Chairman.

The publication of the minutes of the Conference was given to the Conference Tract Society. A debate arose upon the proposition to publish missionary statistics in the same pamphlet with the minutes. Dr. Cooper opposed it, as being already largely in vogue. Dr. Cook thought it would not make its way, and the subject was referred to the committee.

Bishop Scott stated to the Conference that the Board of Bishops had passed a resolution that it would be best to divide the Philadelphia Conference before the next General Conference, and that they could not sanction any such division. This settles the subject for the present session.

Rev. Messrs. Parsons and Marks, of the Lutheran Church, were introduced, and all clergymen of other churches were invited to a seat within the bar.

The Pittsburgh Methodist Conference. The Pittsburgh Conference continued in session at Massillon on Thursday. In addition to the customary business of the Conference it was voted to hold the next annual meeting at Greensburg, Pa. It is also proposed to divide this Conference, which numbers forty thousand members, into two divisions, each of twenty thousand members, and extending from the Allegheny summit to the Muskingum, embracing within its limits the greater part of Western Pennsylvania and Southeastern Ohio.

THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE.

Introduction of Resolutions Declaring the Sherman Bill Unconstitutional, and Demanding a Test of It in the Supreme Court, Etc.

NEW ORLEANS, March 12.—In the State Senate to-day, Mr. Munday presented a set of resolutions declaring the Military Reconstruction bill unconstitutional in ignoring the legal existence of the State; in interfering with the suffrage rights and eligibility to office in State elections; in depriving said States of participation in the rights and privileges of the general government, while they are fully taxed, and on delivering over to irresponsible commissioners, armed with inquisitorial powers, a whole people who have for more than eighteen months been pursuing the avocations of peace and yielding a cheerful obedience to the general Government.

His resolutions call upon the people of Louisiana to enter their solemn protest against the enforcement of the law in this State; that all State officers proceed in the discharge of their duties as if no such law had been promulgated; that in case of actual conflict between State and Government officers the former oppose merely passive resistance, placing the matter in the hands of the Attorney General of the State, who shall test the validity of the law in the Federal Courts. In case said law shall be declared constitutional by the Supreme Court the resolutions shall be null and void.

The resolutions were referred to a joint special committee.

Mr. Ellis introduced a bill repealing the act authorizing a State Convention. After a first and second reading, it was referred to a Joint Committee on Federal Relations.

In the House, on motion of Mr. McConnell, the rules were suspended, and the bill from the Senate was taken up suspending State and Federal elections, and the consideration of the bill was postponed.

Mr. Tucker addressed the House to act on the bill to amend the constitution. The Senate had passed the bill on Saturday in refusing to pass the bill. The Military Commander had stopped the election, and the responsibility rested solely with him.

The motion was carried, and the second reading was adopted, and the bill referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Williamson addressed the House on the subject of his appointment as United States Senator elect. He considered his connection with the General Assembly had ceased on the 4th of March, and requested his name to be entered in the roll of the Senate.

A resolution to this effect having been proposed it was unanimously adopted.

The Speaker then named Mr. Tucker as Chairman of the Impeachment Committee.

FROM MEXICO.

The Strength of the Imperial and Republican Armies—A Battle Imminent.

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SECOND EDITION.

EUROPE THIS P.M.

Financial and Commercial Advices of To-Day.

By the Atlantic Cable. LIVERPOOL, March 13.—Noon.—The Cotton Market to-day opens firm, with more activity. The sales will foot up 10,000 bales, and are quoted as follows, being an advance of 1/4:—Middling uplands, 13 1/4; do. Orleans, 13 1/4.

The Breadstuffs Market is generally firm. Oats, 3s. 2d. per 45 lbs. for American and Canada.

Provisions.—The market is firm, but the leading articles are unchanged in price. Tallow, 43s. 6d.

Lined oil has advanced to 29s. Rosin has declined to 9s. per cwt. for common Wilmington and 35s. for fine.

LONDON, March 13.—Noon.—Consols for money, 91 1/4; Erie Railroad shares, 30 1/2; Illinois Central, 78; United States Five-twenties have advanced to 74 1/2.

FROM WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON.

WASHINGTON, March 13. [SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO EVENING TELEGRAPH.]

The Commanders for the New Military Districts. The announcement of new Military Governors was delayed yesterday in consequence of the inability of the President to find an acceptable candidate for the position of Governor of the District of Columbia.

The prisoner's appearance and demeanor were ordinary weight upon his mind; not looking like a man who knew that the question of his own death was the subject of public discussion.

Reconstruction Question in Virginia. Information received from Richmond and Fredericksburg would indicate that the people of Virginia regard the Reconstruction bill in the House of Representatives as a great victory over the radical element in Congress.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.

First Gun of the Campaign—A Clean Republican Victory—General Harrison's Majority about 3000.

CONCORD, N. H., March 13.—A. M.—We have returns from 120 towns, which give Harrison 23,577 votes, and Sinclair and scattering 2,402 votes.

Ellis, in the First Congressional District, is probably elected by 120 majority, and Sherman in the Second District, and Benton, in the Third District, by about 1000 majority each.

The Republicans have a majority in six counties, and the Democrats in four counties. The vote in the State will exceed the vote of last year in the aggregate, by 1500 to 2000, the whole vote of the State exceeding 90,000. The majority for Harrison for Governor will probably exceed 3000.

Maryland—The Democratic Senatorial Nomination. ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 12.—The Senatorial caucus last evening resulted as follows:—On the first ballot, Charles D. Key, 32; J. M. Brantley, 29; Alexander Evans, 14; Cox, 1; Blank, 1. Key was nominated, and accepted the nomination in a spirited speech.

Municipal Election. CAPE ISLAND, N. J., March 13.—The Hon. Samuel Maguire was re-elected Mayor of this city yesterday.

Markets by Telegraph. NEW YORK, March 13.—The Stock Market is active. Chicago and Rock Island, 9 1/2; Reading, 10 1/2; Canton Company, 46 1/2; Erie Railroad, 30; Cleveland and Toledo, 35; Erie and Western, 35; Michigan Central, 10 1/2; Michigan Southern, 7 1/2; New York Central, 10 1/2; Illinois Central, 7 1/2; Missouri Pacific, 9 1/2; Hudson River, 12 1/2; United States Five-twenties, 10 1/2; 100% do. 1865, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1867, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1868, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1869, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1870, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1871, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1872, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1873, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1874, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1875, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1876, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1877, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1878, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1879, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1880, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1881, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1882, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1883, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1884, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1885, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1886, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1887, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1888, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1889, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1890, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1891, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1892, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1893, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1894, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1895, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1896, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1897, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1898, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1899, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1900, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1901, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1902, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1903, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1904, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1905, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1906, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1907, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1908, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1909, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1910, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1911, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1912, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1913, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1914, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1915, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1916, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1917, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1918, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1919, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1920, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1921, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1922, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1923, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1924, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1925, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1926, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1927, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1928, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1929, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1930, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1931, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1932, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1933, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1934, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1935, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1936, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1937, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1938, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1939, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1940, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1941, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1942, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1943, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1944, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1945, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1946, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1947, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1948, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1949, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1950, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1951, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1952, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1953, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1954, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1955, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1956, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1957, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1958, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1959, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1960, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1961, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1962, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1963, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1964, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1965, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1966, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1967, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1968, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1969, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1970, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1971, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1972, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1973, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1974, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1975, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1976, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1977, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1978, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1979, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1980, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1981, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1982, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1983, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1984, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1985, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1986, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1987, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1988, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1989, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1990, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1991, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1992, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1993, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1994, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1995, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1996, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1997, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1998, 107 1/2; 100% do. 1999, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2000, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2001, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2002, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2003, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2004, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2005, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2006, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2007, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2008, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2009, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2010, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2011, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2012, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2013, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2014, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2015, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2016, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2017, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2018, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2019, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2020, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2021, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2022, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2023, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2024, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2025, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2026, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2027, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2028, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2029, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2030, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2031, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2032, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2033, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2034, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2035, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2036, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2037, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2038, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2039, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2040, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2041, 107 1/2; 100% do. 2042, 107 1/2; 100%